

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing platelet count in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising a parathyroid hormone (PTH) or a derivative thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein said PTH or PTH derivative modified with polyethylene glycol is administered.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said PTH or PTH derivative is administered encapsulated within microcapsules.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein said PTH or PTH derivative is incorporated in a sheet of gel.

Claims 5-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein said effective amount is in the range of 1 μ g